

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES
COMMUNITY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
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CSA Information Memo

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TO: Directors, Local Departments of Social Services

FROM: Denese F. Maker, Executive Director

RE: **Respite Care Services Fee Scale and Payment Rates for Subsidized Services**

Background:

The *Respite Care Services Fee Scale* is used to determine a Respite Care applicant's eligibility for a subsidy and the size of the subsidy they are eligible to receive. The *Payment Rates for Subsidized Services* is used in conjunction with the Fee Scale and indicates the maximum hourly pay rate respite care workers can receive if DHR is subsidizing the fee paid by the consumer for the respite service. In the past, these scales and payment rates have been included as regulations in COMAR 07.06.11, Respite Care Services. With the adoption of new Respite Care regulations on December 24, 2001, the fees and payment rate information have been removed from COMAR, and have been revised and issued via this Information Memo. Removing these fee and payment guidelines from COMAR will allow the Department to update and distribute them as needed without creating regulation changes. The Fee Scale and Payment Rate information included in this Information Memo is updated and is to be used by local department-operated and vendor-contracted Respite Care programs until further notice from CSA .

Action Needed:

Distribute this CSA Information Memo to Respite supervisors, administrators, and other local department of social services staff as appropriate. The *Fee Scale* and the *Payment Rates for Subsidized Services* are to be used as indicated in COMAR 07.06.11.03C Eligibility; .05 Application for Subsidy; and .14 Payment Rate for Subsidized Services.

Inquiries:

If you have any questions, please contact April Seitz, Program Manager, Office of Adult Services, at (410) 767-7569.

Attachments

cc: Emelda P. Johnson, Secretary
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Office of Adult Services

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Respite Care Services Fee Scale

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| # in Family | 50% Med. Income | Consumer Fee | 60% Med. Income | Consumer Fee | 70% Med. Income | Consumer Fee | 80% Med. Income | Consumer Fee | 90% Med. Income | Consumer Fee | 100% Med. Income |
|-------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|
| 1 | \$ 19,450 | Consumer | \$ 23,339 | Consumer | \$ 27,229 | Consumer | \$ 31,119 | Consumer | \$ 35,009 | Consumer | \$ 38,899 |
| 2 | \$ 25,434 | | \$ 30,521 | | \$ 35,608 | | \$ 40,694 | | \$ 45,781 | | \$ 50,868 |
| 3 | \$ 31,419 | Pays 5% | \$ 37,702 | Pays 10% | \$ 43,986 | Pays 20% | \$ 50,270 | Pays 30% | \$ 56,553 | Pays 40% | \$ 62,837 |
| 4 | \$ 37,403 | | \$ 44,884 | | \$ 52,364 | | \$ 59,845 | | \$ 67,325 | | \$ 74,806 |
| 5 | \$ 43,378 | Care | \$ 52,053 | Care | \$ 60,729 | Care | \$ 69,404 | Care | \$ 78,080 | Care | \$ 86,755 |
| 6 | \$ 49,372 | | \$ 59,246 | | \$ 69,121 | | \$ 78,995 | | \$ 88,870 | | \$ 98,744 |
| 7 | \$ 50,494 | Worker | \$ 60,593 | Worker | \$ 70,692 | Worker | \$ 80,790 | Worker | \$ 90,889 | Worker | \$ 100,988 |
| 8 | \$ 51,616 | | \$ 61,939 | | \$ 72,262 | | \$ 82,586 | | \$ 92,909 | | \$ 103,232 |
| 9 | \$ 52,738 | Fee | \$ 63,286 | Fee | \$ 73,833 | Fee | \$ 84,381 | Fee | \$ 94,928 | Fee | \$ 105,476 |
| 10 | \$ 53,861 | | \$ 64,633 | | \$ 75,405 | | \$ 86,177 | | \$ 96,949 | | \$ 107,721 |

| # in Family | 100% Med. Income | Consumer Fee | 110% Med. Income | Consumer Fee | 120% Med. Income | Consumer Fee | 130% Med. Income | Consumer Fee | 140% Med. Income | Consumer Fee | 150% Med. Income |
|-------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|
| 1 | \$ 38,899 | Consumer | \$ 42,789 | Consumer | \$ 46,679 | Consumer | \$ 50,569 | Consumer | \$ 54,459 | Consumer | \$ 58,349 |
| 2 | \$ 50,868 | | \$ 55,955 | | \$ 61,042 | | \$ 66,128 | | \$ 71,215 | | \$ 76,302 |
| 3 | \$ 62,837 | Pays 50% | \$ 69,121 | Pays 60% | \$ 75,404 | Pays 70% | \$ 81,688 | Pays 80% | \$ 87,972 | Pays 90% | \$ 94,256 |
| 4 | \$ 74,806 | | \$ 82,287 | | \$ 89,767 | | \$ 97,248 | | \$ 104,728 | | \$ 112,209 |
| 5 | \$ 86,755 | Care | \$ 95,431 | Care | \$ 104,106 | Care | \$ 112,782 | Care | \$ 121,457 | Care | \$ 130,133 |
| 6 | \$ 98,744 | | \$ 108,618 | | \$ 118,493 | | \$ 128,367 | | \$ 138,242 | | \$ 148,116 |
| 7 | \$ 100,988 | Worker | \$ 111,087 | Worker | \$ 121,186 | Worker | \$ 131,284 | Worker | \$ 141,383 | Worker | \$ 151,482 |
| 8 | \$ 103,232 | | \$ 113,555 | | \$ 123,878 | | \$ 134,202 | | \$ 144,525 | | \$ 154,848 |
| 9 | \$ 105,476 | Fee | \$ 116,024 | Fee | \$ 126,571 | Fee | \$ 137,119 | Fee | \$ 147,666 | Fee | \$ 158,214 |
| 10 | \$ 107,721 | | \$ 118,493 | | \$ 129,265 | | \$ 140,037 | | \$ 150,809 | | \$ 161,582 |

Explanation: find the # of persons in the family in the first column on the left side of the chart. To find the percent of fee required, read across the scale. When the family's annual gross income is equal to or greater than the income figure in a percent column and less than the income figure in the next column, the family pays the percent of the fee indicated between those two percent columns. When the family's annual gross income equals or exceeds 150% of the median income, the family pays the full respite fee.

Care Worker Fees: a maximum hourly pay rate may not exceed twice the legal minimum wage for Level I care, and \$25 per hour for Level II care.

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Respite Care Services Program

Payment Rate for Subsidized Services

- A. For paid care workers, a maximum hourly amount may not exceed **twice** the legal **minimum wage** for **Level I** care, and **\$25 per hour** for **Level II** care.
- B. The pay rate for **a day** of respite care is **10 times the hourly rate** paid.
- C. When more than one person with a developmental or a functional disability requires care in the same household, payments and fees are **one half** the set rate **for each additional person** with the developmental or functional disability in the household, in addition to the full rate for the initial person.